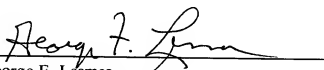


REMARKS

Claims 13 and 17 have been amended to clarify that the Fischer-Tropsch low sulfur naphtha of step (a) is made by a method comprising steps (i), (ii) and (iii). Thus, the present disclosure indicates that additional processing steps (e.g., hydrogenation) could be employed. Note, for example, the discussion on page 6.

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Marked-up Claims 13 and 17

Please replace claims 13 and 17 as follows:

13. (Amended) A process for manufacturing ethylene including a first site and a second site, remote from each other, wherein the first site forms a Fischer-Tropsch naphtha having less than 1 ppm sulfur to be used at the second site, the second site forming the ethylene, the process comprising:

(a) receiving at the second site the Fischer-Tropsch naphtha having less than 1 ppm sulfur, which is made by a method comprising:

(i) converting methane to syngas;

(ii) subjecting the syngas to Fischer-Tropsch synthesis to form hydrocarbonaceous products;

(iii) isolating the Fischer-Tropsch naphtha having less than 1 ppm sulfur from the hydrocarbonaceous products[.];

(b) adding at least one sulfur-containing compound to the Fischer-Tropsch naphtha to provide a blend having at least 1 ppm sulfur;

(c) converting the blend in a cracker unit to a product stream comprising ethylene;
and

(d) isolating ethylene from the product stream of the cracker unit.

17. (Amended) A process for manufacturing ethylene including a first site and a second site, remote from each other, wherein the first site forms a Fischer-Tropsch

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hydrocarbonaceous product, including at least one naphtha and having less than 1 ppm sulfur to be used at the second site, the second site forming the ethylene, the process comprising:

(a) transporting the Fischer-Tropsch hydrocarbonaceous product including at least one naphtha and having less than 1 ppm sulfur, which is made by a method comprising:

(i) converting methane to syngas;

subjecting the syngas to Fischer-Tropsch synthesis to form [a]
hydrocarbonaceous products;

(iii) isolating a Fischer-Tropsch hydrocarbonaceous product including at
least one naphtha from the hydrocarbonaceous products[.];

(b) receiving at the second site the Fischer-Tropsch hydrocarbonaceous product
including at least one naphtha and having less than 1 ppm sulfur;

(c) blending the Fischer-Tropsch hydrocarbonaceous product including at least one
naphtha and having less than 1 ppm sulfur with a sulfur-containing composition to provide
a blend having at least 1 ppm sulfur[.];

(d) feeding the blend to a cracker unit;

(e) converting the blend in the cracker unit to a product stream comprising ethylene;

and

(f) isolating ethylene from the product stream of the cracker unit.